



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Heuer

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Lila Heuer, Supervisor, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, Chair, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
David Prentice, County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax Collector
Tim Beals, Director of Planning/Public Works/Transportation/OES
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health
Lori McGee, Interim Director of Social Services
Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director of Public Health
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of the Clerk, Item 11.D. was pulled from the agenda.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

APPROVED as amended. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Resolution approving the amended Behavioral Health Advisory Board By-Laws. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-019

11.B. Resolution approving Tulare County Agreement to provide special funding to implement the Comprehensive Underage Drinking Prevention Project for the Loyalton Friday Night Live program and authorizing the Behavioral Health Administrative Director to sign the agreement and all invoices to secure funds. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-020 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2023-013

11.C. Resolution declaring March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month" in Sierra County. (CLERK-RECORDER)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-021

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

At the request of the Clerk, Regular Items 9.A, 9.B. and 9.C. were pulled from the agenda.

9.A. Discussion/adoption of a resolution amending Resolution 2007-039 adopting Standard Form of By-Laws for Sierra County Commissions and Committees. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

9.B. Discussion/adoption of a resolution establishing procedures for filling a vacancy on an appointed governing board of special district. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

9.C. Discussion/introduction and waive first reading of an ordinance amending sections 2.36.010 and 2.36.020 and repealing section 2.36.030 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to the Planning Commission. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Dryden opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dryden thanked county staff for services provided during the last two weeks of storms.

Supervisor Adams reported on the federal government extending the tax deadline for 51 of the 58 counties in California and the state emulating the federal government's proclamation. Supervisor Adams added that in response to an inquiry he received from a member of the public, he contacted Congressman Kevin Kiley's office regarding how they determined the list of 51 counties and how Sierra County could be added to the list. Congressman Kiley's office indicated they would report back to him following their meeting next Tuesday with the IRS.

Supervisor Adams continued to report on the CSAC meeting he attended and that he will be attending the RCRC meeting tomorrow in Sacramento.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on a letter she received from the State Department of Health Care Service pertaining to a miscalculation of the county's allocation of Mental Health Services Act funding in the amount of \$324.00, which the county will be required to return to the state. The Director also reported on working through the drug and alcohol prevention program with the school to have a special speaker address the students prior to Sober Grad Night due to finding small alcohol bottles in the trash containers at the school.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Acting Yuba River District Ranger Andrew Mishler provided an update on staffing; the North Yuba Final EIS and working to have it completed by April; and the status of the Greene Acres project.

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson expressed her appreciation to county staff for their work on plowing the roads. Ranger Hutchinson continued to report on the district preparing for potential flooding; the ten year plan for treating the forest on the district; staffing; and projects that will be implemented this summer on the district.

Carson District Ranger Matt Zumstein reported on pausing pile burning operations in Dog Valley due to snow; working on contracts to increase the pace and

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scale for fuels treatment in Dog Valley; and entering discussions with the county this week to discuss putting some of the WCF (Wildfire Crisis Funding) into Dog Valley.

6. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) -TIM BEALS

6.A. Resolution ratifying proclamation of local emergency due to severe storms commencing February 21, 2023.

The Director of OES provided background on his authority as the Director of OES to declare a state of local emergency when the county's resources are being stretched to a point of significance, the requirement for the Board of Supervisors to ratify the proclamation within seven days, and to continue to ratify the proclamation every 60 days.

The Director continued to comment on continued discussions regarding FEMA looking at each storm as a single event and Cal OES advocating on behalf of all the counties to allow this series of storms in February and March to become one event. If it is determined that each storm is considered a single event, the county will have to declare proclamations more often.

Chair Dryden indicated that she has conveyed this issue to Assemblywoman Dahle's office.

The Director continued to acknowledge the response and assistance provided by the county road crew, Caltrans, and PG&E.

In response to Supervisor Heuer's inquiry, the Director indicated he doesn't have an update on Belle Street other than there is a significant break and PG&E hasn't touched it in days.

Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey indicated that PG&E made some progress last night removing the lines on Belle Street, however they are still working on restoration efforts for higher priority areas in town.

The Director continued to explain that they hired independent contractors for snow removal on outlying roads and tree removal on county roads that have been compromised, which should be reimbursed through the emergency declaration.

Supervisor Adams acknowledged the work of the Director, county staff, PG&E, and Caltrans.

In response to Mr. Sandy Sanders' inquiry, the Director reviewed the process for filing for reimbursement with Cal OES and FEMA for expenses incurred by the county.

Deputy Director Davey reviewed the assistance available at the state level for damages incurred to public facilities and clarified that personal assistance becomes available when it becomes a federal disaster.

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The Sheriff briefly commented on working with Deputy Director Davey to support their ongoing operations.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution ratifying proclamation of local emergency due to severe storms commencing February 21, 2023.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-022. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

Supervisor Roen thanked the Board for approving the proclamation as it also covers the school district, so the snow days can be forgiven.

The Director clarified that the county's proclamation covers the school district and special districts, and he will let these jurisdictions know if they have any separate reporting requirements.

7. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - DAVID PRENTICE

- 7.A. Approval of revised Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Sierra and the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

The Director of Personnel provided brief background on the revised Memorandum of Understanding which has been reviewed by the Sheriff and Chief Probation Officer and agreed to by the Union.

The Board moved to approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Sierra and the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-014. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

- 8.A. Presentation of bids and adoption of resolution for award of Public Works Contract to Dirt and Aggregate Interchange, Inc. for the HSIP Guardrail Replacement in Sierra County at Various Locations, Federal Project No. HSIPSL 5913(078).

Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey provided background on the three bids received for the HSIP Guardrail Replacement project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution awarding Public Works Contract to Dirt and Aggregate Interchange, Inc. for the HSIP Guardrail Replacement in Sierra County at various locations, Federal Project No. HSIPSL 5913(078) in the amount of \$350,805.40.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-023 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2023-015. Motion: Roen//LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS – continued

The Director of Planning presented the Board with a letter regarding his retirement effective June 2, 2023.

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- 9.D. Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Downieville Fire Protection District.
(CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Greg Johnson to the Downieville Fire Protection District.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 9.E. Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Sierra County Children and Families Commission (First 5). (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Jamie Shiltz to the Sierra County Children and Families Commission (First 5).

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. CLOSED SESSION

- 10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiators. Property: 105 Beckwith Street Loyalton CA. David Prentice, Negotiator. Negotiating parties: County of Sierra and City of Loyalton. Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- 10.B. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 - performance review regarding Director of Planning/Public Works.
- 10.C. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 – Public Employment – Administrative Director of Behavioral Health.
- 10.D. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 – Public Employment – Director of Health and Social Services.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

The Board met in closed session from 10:12 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Chair Dryden reported that direction was given to staff with respect to the four closed session items.

ADJOURN

At 11:53 a.m., with no further business, Chair Dryden adjourned the meeting.

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SHARON DRYDEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD